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Art professor dies in crash

A celebration of life will be held for Professor Emeritus David George Foster

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He was immortalized by the knowledge he passed on to his students.

He was an innovator and trendsetter, attributed with the purchase of one of the first Apple computers and the formation of the Springfield High School motorcycle club in the 1950s.

He has his own item on the menu at the local Original Pancake House, "Fosterised bacon," cooked until extra crisp.

On Sunday, a celebration of life for Professor Emeritus David George Foster will be held in the

Gerlinger Alumni Lounge at the University from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Foster died Dec. 21, after an automobile accident in Springfield. He was 78.

A native Oregonian, Foster dedicated his life to teaching. He taught for three years at Springfield High School before moving to the University in 1957, where he taught for more than three decades, and was head of the art department from 1978-83.

"We all felt like we became his family," said Ken O'Connell, a professor of art and a former student of Foster. "His students became lifelong friends."

Foster's commitment to his students went far outside the classroom. During the 1960s, Foster often spent weekends at home building equip-

ment to help his students finish school projects. He believed his students had as much to offer him as he did them.

"He was just so passionate," O'Connell said. "He had an incredible love of people and of spending time with them. He said you learn things by talking and exploring and considering."

Foster brought a variety of programs to the University, including some of the first classes in photography, printing, film making and

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Foster

Voters to decide on tax increase

Measure 28, a \$725 million income tax increase, will be on the ballot for special election

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City/State Politics Reporter

More than \$300 million in funding for this biennium will be at stake this month when Oregon voters decide whether Measure 28 — a three-year, \$725 million income tax increase — is an appropriate fix to the state's budget woes.

Ballots will go out Jan. 10, and the special election will be held Jan. 28.

The Oregon Legislature referred Measure 28 to voters last summer after a tumultuous five-session budget battle that included gubernatorial vetoes and budget committee leadership changes.

In September, lawmakers passed a package of \$310 million in cuts to schools and other state programs to help balance the budget — money that will be restored if voters approve Measure 28.

If passed, the measure would increase income tax rates for single and joint taxpayers, as well as corporations.

For single filings, the rate of tax on more than \$6,450 in taxable income would increase to 9.5 percent from nine percent. For joint filings, the rate of tax on more than \$12,900 in taxable income would also increase to 9.5 percent from nine percent.

Corporate tax rates would increase to 6.93 percent from 6.6 percent.

For the 2002 tax year, taxpayers making between \$10,000 and \$20,000 will pay an average of \$17 more, while taxpayers making more than \$200,000 will pay an average of \$1,686 more.

The Legislature estimates that taxes for the average taxpayer would increase \$114.

If the measure fails, the state could face deep cuts in social services, public safety and education. In the event of

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KUGN's un-Savage broadcasting

KUGN's removal of Michael Savage's show raises issues of censorship and directs criticism at the University

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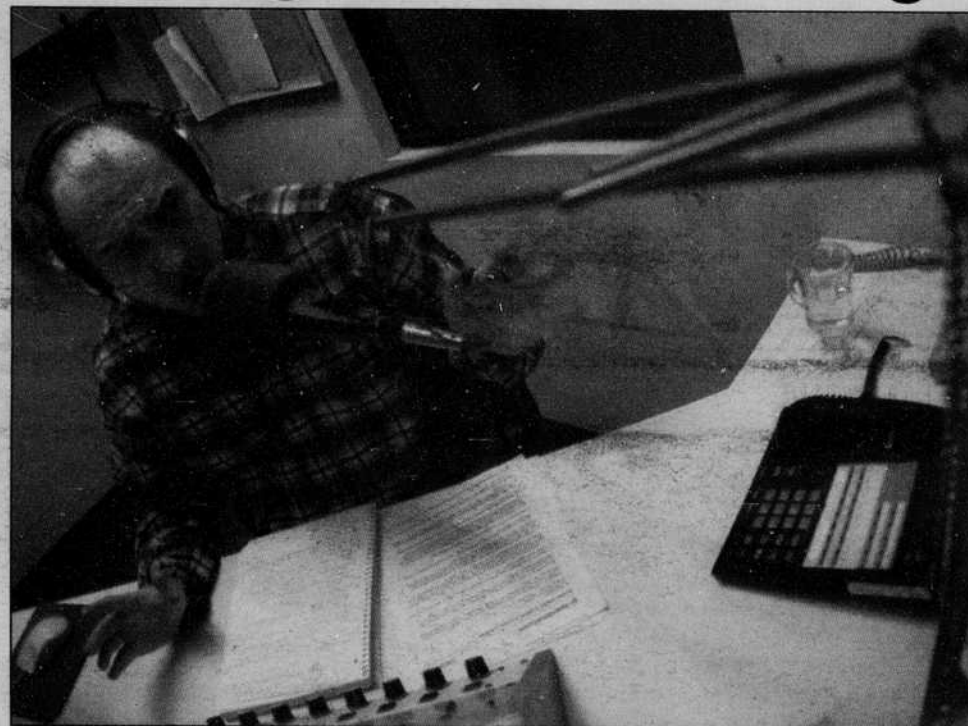
"Shock jock" Michael Savage is now only a memory for local radio listeners, but some students say the fight against content they call hate speech is far from over.

KUGN-AM announced this week that they were replacing Savage's controversial "Savage Nation" radio show with a locally produced program by former radio personality and entrepreneur Dan Carlin. While station officials said the change-up was just a business decision, the move drew criticism from conservatives who said it amounted to censorship and from ASUO officials who said they remained concerned over KUGN's close ties with the University as the "voice of the Ducks."

"This is not what students were pushing for; it wasn't our goal to have this program pushed from the air," ASUO spokeswoman Lacy Ogan said.

Ogan added that the ASUO and other student groups simply requested that KUGN put distance between its talk radio content and University athletic broadcasts — or that the University distance itself from KUGN.

KUGN, the exclusive local radio station for University Athletics, pays more than \$1 million a year for broadcasting rights and the privilege to be called the "voice of the Ducks." Student and community groups have been placing increased pressure on the sta-



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Local talk show host Dan Carlin will take Michael Savage's place at KUGN.

tion over the past several months because of allegedly racist remarks made by Savage during his syndicated daily show — pressure that KUGN market manager G. Michael Donovan actually credits for awaking radio personalities like Carlin.

"The protest helped stir up publicity which brought to our attention some alternatives we didn't know were available," said Donovan, adding the station had been seeking a radio show to discuss local issues long before

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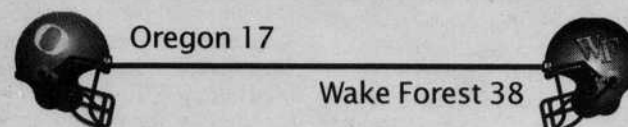
Ducks finish season with bowl loss



Adam Amato Emerald

Chris Davis and the Deacons had Oregon figured out, which led to a big Seattle Bowl win.

Oregon football can't solve Wake Forest's balanced attack in the Seattle Bowl and finishes 7-6 overall.



Adam Jude
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SEATTLE — Wake Forest wanted it. Oregon wanted it to end. Both teams got what they wanted.

And, amid all the late Christmas gifts, Jason Fife got demoted. After the season was officially over, capped off by the Ducks' 38-17 Seattle Bowl loss Dec. 30 to Wake Forest, Fife stopped in the southeast corner of Seahawks Stadium as cameras circled around him. Looking like someone had just run over his puppy, Fife tried to explain it all — his late-season struggles, the possibilities of being the backup next year, and the rise of Kellen Clemens.

But Fife's words were drowned faster than the Ducks' national title hopes this season. A few feet away, a boisterous gathering of Washington Husky fans hounded the Oregon quarterback, chanting, "Fife sucks, Fife sucks, Fife sucks."

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WEATHER

Today: High 47, Low 33, foggy and dry with clouds,

Tuesday: High 48, Low 33, fog and clouds clearing late

LOOKING AHEAD

Tuesday
Take a tour (or two) of the new Eugene Public Library, which celebrates its grand opening on Jan. 11

Wednesday
The Wayne Morse Center for Law & Politics looks at the child custody issues facing female prisoners